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SUBJECT: NEW FOR 2009 SOYBEAN INSPECTION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Grower:

USE THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION FOR ALL OF YOUR SOYBEAN CROPS. INDICATE IN THE COLUMN MARKED "OFFICE USE ONLY" IF YOU WANT (RR) ROUND UP READY AND/OR (FC) FLOWER COLOR. ANY NOT MARKED WILL ONLY RECEIVE LEAF DROP INSPECTIONS.

If you are requesting Round up Ready or Flower Color, you need to submit the application to Rita Helms at the Crop Improvement office before June 1 for May plantings or June 25 for June planted soybean. Please specify if you want the inspector to contact the grower regarding application date of Roundup[®], since we only have a 10-day window for inspection after application. If you want the inspector to contact the grower, be sure to indicate the grower's telephone number on the application.

Applications for leaf drop only inspections are due August 1.

MONSANTO requires all Seed Partners to document the application of Roundup to all fields of soybean grown for seed production of Roundup Ready[®]. NCCIA will perform a field inspection and document:

- the type and rate of Roundup product used, the date applied, and the growth stage of the soybean plant at application of Roundup (V3 – V6).
- field inspection to ensure the Roundup Ready[®] trait (inspect plants 7 – 17 days after spraying).

NCCIA will provide the paperwork to you that MONSANTO requires during an audit of seed company partners of the Roundup Ready[®] Soybean License & Seed Services Agreement.

As you know, MONSANTO allows you to document the Roundup application to your seed production fields without the requirement of an NCCIA field inspection (some companies require an NCCIA field inspection for Roundup application for Foundation seed production). The NCCIA fee for Roundup Ready[®] soybean field inspection is \$1.20 per acre, only \$.024 per bag.

CONTRACT PRODUCTION: Complete an application for each contract grower (list acreage to be inspected for each variety in the "TO BE INSPECTED" column).

Applications have been preprinted for each contract grower. If the farmer is no longer growing seed for you, the application may still be used by marking through the old name and address and entering the new grower's information. Blank applications are available upon request. Send us the original (white) copy of the application and **KEEP THE CARBON (YELLOW) COPY FOR YOUR FILES.**

SEED SOURCE: Send the tags from the seed planted. If you do not have all the tags, or in the case of Foundation and Registered pressure sensitive tags where it may be difficult to remove all the tags and submit them in a legible manner, our **minimum** requirement is still one (1) tag from each lot planted by each contract grower along with a complete invoice showing variety, generation, lot number, and quantity of seed purchased. If you planted your own seed and did not order tags, be sure the lot number and the amount of seed planted are listed on the application. We must also have a sample of the lot on file.

LAND REQUIREMENTS: List the previous crop for **each field** on all applications. If the previous crop was soybean, the variety must be listed.

OTHER INFORMATION: Enter other varieties grown but not for certification, who will combine and who will condition the seed.

LATE FEES: We charge a late fee (**\$100 per application**) for each application received after its due date. Remember: acreage may be cancelled for a complete refund.

Sincerely,

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Daryl Bowman
Director

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